

The National Transportation Safety Board, NTSB, hearings also made clear that the FAA must be more proactive when it comes to safety. We must not wait until the next disaster to make long overdue changes in safety regulation at the FAA.

It is unacceptable that the NTSB recommendations designed to address some of the most serious aviation safety deficiencies continue to go unaddressed by the FAA today.

Last May, I joined Senator SNOWE in sending a letter to the Department of Transportation urging the agency to take immediate action to address NTSB recommendations that languished on its Most Wanted list for years and other pressing safety concerns.

In some instances, recommendations such as those meant to address pilot fatigue, have been on the NTSB Most Wanted list since its inception 19 years ago. We must take immediate action to ensure that no other family must endure a similar tragedy because of unmet safety recommendations and a lack of agency oversight.

I was encouraged by recent announcements from the FAA about the agency's initiative to revise work hour rules to address pilot fatigue and to conduct emergency inspections at pilot training facilities. I believe this is a step in the right direction, but we must do more.

That is why I am proud to join Senator SNOWE in introducing the Ensuring One Level of Aviation Safety Act of 2009, to address some of the more egregious aviation safety deficiencies. Our bill requires the FAA to implement unfulfilled NTSB recommendations and to do more oversight of regional airlines and pilot training academies. The bill also requires the FAA to update minimum training standards and hours of experience requirements for pilots.

Finally, this legislation mandates continuing education training for pilots, requires the development of airline fatigue management plans, and allows carriers immediate access to pilot performance records.

I look forward to working with my colleagues and the FAA to implement this legislation and to take additional steps to ensure that there truly is no difference in safety between major carriers and regional airlines.

We cannot wait for the next airline tragedy to take action. The flying public must be assured that the FAA and the airlines are doing their part to make safety the No. 1 priority.

SUBMITTED RESOLUTIONS

SENATE RESOLUTION 187—CON- DEMNING THE USE OF VIOLENCE AGAINST PROVIDERS OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES TO WOMEN

Mrs. SHAHEEN (for herself, Ms. KLOBUCHAR, Mrs. BOXER, Mrs. MURRAY,

Mr. DURBIN, Mr. DODD, Mr. SCHUMER, Mr. LAUTENBERG, Ms. MIKULSKI, Ms. LANDRIEU, Mrs. GILLIBRAND, Mr. HARKIN, Mr. CARPER, Mr. SANDERS, Mr. KAUFMAN, Mr. WYDEN, Mr. KERRY, Mr. LIEBERMAN, Mr. UDALL of New Mexico, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. BROWN, Mr. WHITEHOUSE, Mr. BURRIS, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. BAUCUS, Ms. CANTWELL, Mr. BINGAMAN, Mr. INOUE, Mr. CARDIN, Mr. SPECTER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. LEAHY, Mr. TESTER, Ms. SNOWE, Mr. BEGICH, Mr. AKAKA, Mr. BENNET, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. REED, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. MERKLEY, and Mrs. LINCOLN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. RES. 187

Whereas Dr. George Tiller of Wichita, Kansas, was shot to death while attending church on Sunday, May 31, 2009;

Whereas there is a history of violence against providers of reproductive health care, as health care employees have suffered threats, hostility, and attacks in order to provide crucial services to patients;

Whereas the threat or use of force or physical obstruction has been used to injure, intimidate, or interfere with individuals seeking to obtain or provide health care services; and

Whereas acts of violence are never an acceptable means of expression and shall always be condemned: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) expresses great sympathy for the family, friends, and patients of Dr. George Tiller;

(2) recognizes that acts of violence should never be used to prevent women from receiving reproductive health care; and

(3) condemns the use of violence as a means of resolving differences of opinion.

SENATE RESOLUTION 188—CON- GRATULATING THE LOS ANGE- LES LAKERS FOR WINNING THE 2009 NATIONAL BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 188

Whereas, on June 14, 2009, the Los Angeles Lakers defeated the Orlando Magic in game 5 of the 2009 National Basketball Association Championship Finals;

Whereas that triumph marks the 15th National Basketball Association Championship for the Lakers franchise and 10th for the Los Angeles Lakers;

Whereas that triumph also marks the fourth National Basketball Association Championship victory for the Los Angeles Lakers since 1999, earning the Los Angeles Lakers more championship victories in this decade than any other team in the league;

Whereas Los Angeles Lakers head coach Phil Jackson, who throughout his career has epitomized discipline, teaching, and excellence, has won 10 National Basketball Association Championships as a head coach, the most championships for a head coach in National Basketball Association history, surpassing the number won by the legendary Arnold "Red" Auerbach;

Whereas the 2009 National Basketball Association Championship marks the ninth championship for Los Angeles Lakers owner Gerald Hatten Buss;

Whereas general manager Mitch Kupchak has built a basketball team that possesses a great balance among all-stars, veterans, and young players;

Whereas the Los Angeles Lakers won 65 games in the 2009 regular season and defeated the Utah Jazz, the Houston Rockets, the Denver Nuggets, and the Orlando Magic in the 2009 National Basketball Association playoffs; and

Whereas each player for the Los Angeles Lakers, including Trevor Ariza, Shannon Brown, Kobe Bryant, Andrew Bynum, Jordan Farmar, Derek Fisher, Pau Gasol, Didier Ilunga-Mbenga, Adam Morrison, Lamar Odom, Josh Powell, Sasha Vujacic, Luke Walton, and Sue Yue, contributed to what was truly a team effort during the regular season and the playoffs to bring the 2009 National Basketball Association Championship to the city of Los Angeles: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Los Angeles Lakers for winning the 2009 National Basketball Association Championship;

(2) recognizes the achievements of the players, coaches, and staff whose hard work and dedication made winning the championship possible; and

(3) directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit a copy of this resolution to—

(A) the 2009 Los Angeles Lakers team and their head coach Phil Jackson;

(B) the Los Angeles Lakers owner Gerald Hatten Buss; and

(C) the Los Angeles Lakers general manager Mitch Kupchak.

AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 1321. Mr. GRAHAM submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, to establish a non-profit corporation to communicate United States entry policies and otherwise promote leisure, business, and scholarly travel to the United States; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1322. Mr. INHOFE (for himself and Mr. COBURN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1323. Mr. LIEBERMAN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1324. Mr. FEINGOLD submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1325. Mr. BROWNBACK (for himself, Mr. KYL, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROBERTS, Mr. RISCH, Mr. COBURN, Mr. CORNYN, Mr. BOND, Mr. INHOFE, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. BUNNING, Mr. BENNETT, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. JOHANNIS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1326. Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. LIEBERMAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by her to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1327. Mr. REID (for Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. KERRY)) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by Mr. REID to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1328. Mr. COBURN submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 1329. Mr. CORKER (for himself and Mr. WARNER) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill S. 1023, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.